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In re application of : Confirmation No. 6817
Richard GRIFFITHS et al. : Docket No. 00263/JMH/JM/GC/1172-US
Serial No. 08/973,363 : Group Art Unit 1632
Filed February 4, 1998 : Examiner R. Schnizer

AVIAN CHD GENES AND THEIR USE IN
METHODS FOR SEX IDENTIFICATION IN BIRDS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 4, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE FIGURES:

Please replace original Figures 1, 3, 5, 7-11 and 14 with the substitute Figures 1, 3, 5, 7-11 and 14, respectively, submitted concurrently herewith.